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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A FORMER AIDE TO EX-CIA TOLD FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS HE KEPT UP REGULAR OFFICIAL EVEN AFTER THE SPY AGENCY LEARNED WILSON WAS HELPING LIBYAN LEADER MOHAMMAD KHADAFY, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.

THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST QUOTED ALVIN ASKEW, A LAWYER FOR DOUGLAS SCHLACHTER, AS SAYING SCHLACHTER TOLD INVESTIGATORS HE REGULARLY GAVE INFORMATION ON WILSON'S ACTIVITIES AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE DATA TO THOMAS G. CLINES, THEN THE CIA'S SUPERVISOR OF CLANDESTINE SERVICES TRAINING, UNTIL 1978.

"THE CIA KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING IN LIBYA AND APPROVED IT," ASKEW WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

ASKEW'S COMMENTS FOLLOWED A FEDERAL COURT HEARING IN WHICH IT WAS REVEALED SCHLACHTER HAS AGREED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY AND A FEDERAL MUNITIONS-EXPORT CHARGE, STEMMING FROM HIS 1976 TO 1978 ROLE IN HELPING WILSON AND EX-CIA AGENT FRANCIS TERPIL SUPPLY EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND TRAINING UNDER A 1976 DEAL WITH LIBYA.

SCHLACHTER VOLUNTARILY RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE CENTRAL AFRICAN NATION OF BURUNDI.

PROSECUTOR LAWRENCE BARDELLA JR. TOLD U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JOHN PRATT SCHLACHTER HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE "FULLY, TRUTHFULLY AND COMPLETELY" WITH FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS. PRATT SEALED THE PLEA BARGAIN AGREEMENT.

SCHLACHTER FACES UP TO SEVEN YEARS IN JAIL IF CONVICTED OF THE CHARGES. HE IS DUE TO FORMALLY ENTER HIS GUILTY PLEA JAN. 18.

ASKEW, OF AUSTIN, TEX., SAID CLINES, WHO RETIRED FROM THE CIA IN 1978, GAVE SCHLACHTER A LIST THE CIA WANTED FROM LIBYA OF DATA ON SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ACCORDING TO THE TWO NEWSPAPERS. AND ASKEW SAID SCHLACHTER CLAIMS TO HAVE ONCE GIVEN CLINES A REPORT ON A SOVIET AIRPLANE.

BOTH THE CIA AND ASKEW SAID SCHLACHTER HAS NEVER FORMALLY BEEN

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